

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 517

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A RESOLUTION to commend the Tennessee Federation of Colored Women and Youth Clubs, Inc., upon its 99<sup>th</sup> Annual State Federated Convention.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to the members of those exemplary organizations who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the Tennessee Federation of Colored Women and Youth Clubs, Inc., which will be celebrating its 99<sup>th</sup> Annual State Federated Convention this year; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation of Colored Women and Youth Clubs, Inc., was founded on the campus of Lane College in the fall of 1906 by Mrs. Beulah Bray, who was the wife of Lane College President Bishop James A. Bray; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation was an outgrowth of the National Federation of Colored Women and Youth Clubs, Inc., the oldest national organization of black women in the United States; in turn, the development of the Tennessee Federation led to the establishment of the Jackson Federation of Colored Women and Youth Clubs, Inc., in 1924; and

WHEREAS, consistently committed to improving the lives of African-American women and children, the Jackson Federation, which will be hosting the Convention this year, brings the work of the Tennessee Federation to the local level through its efforts in the city of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling the Tennessee Federation's motto, "Lifting as We Climb," the Jackson Federation has been touching lives for eighty-two years through efforts such as awarding scholarships to deserving students and buying shoes for needy children through school counselors and the Carl Perkins Child Abuse Center; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that this General Assembly should honor the members of the Tennessee Federation of Colored Women and Youth Clubs, Inc., for their estimable philanthropic activities on behalf of the African-American women and children of our great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend the members of the Tennessee Federation of Colored Women and Youth Clubs, Inc., for their outstanding service to African-American women and children and honor them upon the occasion of their 99th Annual State Federated Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.